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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [redacted]
Special Assistant/DDA

SUBJECT: MKULTRA/Notification of Unwitting Subjects - Addendum to the Final Report

1. Action Requested: Your signature on the attached letters to Senators Bayh and Kennedy is requested.

2. Background: In July 1979 we submitted a final report to Senators Bayh and Kennedy on our efforts to locate and inform unwitting LSD test subjects. At that time only two subjects had been located and informed and we stated the search would be continued. The George White diary makes cryptic reference to a total of 15 possible test subjects, four by questionable inference only. Of these 15 persons, positive contact has now been made with 12 subjects, or in the case of 2 deceased subjects, their heirs. We have been unable to accurately identify three test subjects.

One subject appears to have suffered for about 24 hours after the test but otherwise to have experienced no long term harm. She has announced an intent to sue for invasion of privacy. Another subject was institutionalized for treatment of a psychiatric disorder, acute paranoia, which developed suddenly approximately 7 years after the test. She died of cancer at the age of 44 in 1978. Although there seems little likelihood that LSD was instrumental in provoking subject's illness, it cannot be ruled out. A second subject has been under psychiatric care since about 1959. Her psychiatrist sees no evidence that the LSD experience was instrumental in causing her illness and stated that her cause would be best served if this matter were promptly dropped.

There is no indication that any of the other subjects were harmed or had more than a noticeable reaction to the drug.

A staff member of the SSCI has suggested the Agency consider investigating the possibility of a cause and effect relationship in the case of the one deceased subject who

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experienced psychiatric problems. He points out that CIA was pushed to launch a search for victims and now having found a victim, possibly injured by our testing, it would look very bad if CIA ignored it or had to be pushed to investigate it. He opines that having put ourselves in the position of having possibly provoked an illness, we should not now wash our hands of it and place the burden of assessing our responsibility on the heirs of the deceased.

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The notification program is terminated with this report.

5. Recommendation: The attached letters to Senators Bayh and Kennedy summarize our findings since the final report and announce that the active portion of this investigation has been terminated. Your signature on the attached letters is recommended.

/s/ [redacted]

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